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Ben-Meir: F-16 embargo will not influence talks

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The cabinet yesterday decided to do without a formal Israeli statement in response to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's declaration last week that the embargo on F-16 fighter planes will remain in force as long as Israel remains in occupation of part of Lebanon.

But the ministers' sentiments were reflected in a public pronouncement by Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir in Jerusalem last night. "It would be a mistake for anyone to think," said Ben-Meir, "that declarations on arms embargoes can affect Israel's positions in the negotiations over Lebanon."

Ben-Meir's remarks were apparently approved in advance by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and expressed the theme of Shamir's own report and analysis to the cabinet earlier in the day.

The ministers were told that Reagan's statement is presumably intended to put pressure on Israel in the Lebanon negotiations and/or to woo Jordan's King Hussein into joining the peace process.

Referring to Reagan's telephone call to Hussein during the weekend, while Hussein was consulting with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Ben-Meir said that "as a friend of the U.S., my heart breaks at the spectacle of an American president begging King Hussein while winking over at the arch-murderer Arafat."

Ben-Meir, born and educated in the U.S., said Washington ought to have learned from long experience "that it is not by begging or accommodating an international enemy of peace like the PLO that you advance the cause of peace negotiations."

Both Ben-Meir, in a speech to the Friends of Yeshivat Hadarom, and Shamir asserted that Israel will not waver in its security demand in the Lebanon negotiations. Shamir told the ministers there is steady, if slow, progress in the talks.

There is to be another round of negotiations in Kiryat Shmuna today, following the meeting of senior negotiators in Haifa, Lebanon, on Tuesday. The negotiators hope to meet four times next week, in an effort to intensify the talks.

Some Israeli sources say they discern a certain softening in Lebanon's stance. They attribute this to the implied warning on Israel's part that the Israel Defence Forces will withdraw unilaterally to the Awarit River if a negotiated settlement continues to elude the parties.

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Members of the Soviet Embassy and journalists expelled from France walk across the tarmac at Charles de Gaulle airport with their families to board a special Aeroflot flight for Moscow. (UPI telephoto)

French Communists remain in government despite spy expulsions

PARIS (Reuters). — The French Communist Party, which has two ministers in President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist administration, indicated strong displeasure yesterday over the expulsion of 47 Soviet officials from France.

The expulsions, the paper said, will bring retaliation from Moscow, and are likely to seriously damage relations between the two countries while harming the economic interests of both France and the Soviet Union.

In a brief commentary, the party daily, *L'Humanite*, said Monday's action against the 47, accused by the Interior Ministry of spying, could harm the cause of world peace and disarmament.

This was the first comment on the affair from the pro-Soviet party, and French political commentators said yesterday it was clearly embarrassed that a government in which it shares should take dramatic action against the Kremlin.

In Athens, visiting French Communist Party leader Georges Marchais said yesterday the expulsions will have no effect on Communist participation in the French government.

Asked by reporters whether the expulsions might lead to a withdrawal of Communist ministers from the Mitterrand government or a review of the accord under which the Socialist and Communist parties cooperate, he replied, "Certainly not. We are participating on the basis of an accord for the implementation of the policy that was wanted by the French people in 1981, and we will continue to do so."

Other French newspapers on both right and left described the expulsions as political.

The right-wing daily *Le Figaro*, a bitter critic of the government, said Mitterrand's administration wished a move that was spectacular and political to strengthen his position at home on the world stage.

The expulsions were based on false charges, the Soviet news agency Tass said yesterday in Moscow.

The Tass report was Moscow's first direct comment on the expulsions. Although brief, it is couched in bitter terms that evidently reflected Kremlin anger at the French move.

The agency said the Soviet Foreign Ministry and the embassy in Paris lodged strong protests over what it termed "this absolutely arbitrary action."

Tass on Monday carried the text of the Soviet Embassy protest to the French government, but it was not reported on Soviet radio or television.

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Foreign currency tax to help out exporters

Post Economic Reporter

The government yesterday decided to impose a 1 per cent levy on the purchase of foreign currency, including that purchased for deposit accounts. The \$150 million expected to be raised in this way is to be used to help exporters and other producers.

In parallel moves, the government has reduced the percentage of National Insurance payments in the industrial, agricultural and tourism sectors to 14 per cent, thus reducing labour costs. At the same time exchange-rate insurance premiums for exporters are to be reduced by 2.2 per cent.

Finance Ministry director-general Ezra Sadan announced that the levy will be applied temporarily for 90 days under the emergency regulations. During this period appropriate legislation may be enacted by the Knesset.

Sadan would not say whether the Treasury intends to continue with the compulsory Operation Peace for Galilee loan imposed in July, 1981. The tax authorities are reported to be strongly against continuing the loan, but rumours persist that the government intends to do so.

Israel will not implement a large-scale devaluation while the present government is in charge, declared Sadan on television last night. He said that a large devaluation will lead to the collapse of the economy.

Sadan also explained that Israel does not have a free hand with regard to imposing import levies. This country cannot declare economic war on its trading partners. If Israel imposes a tax on imports, there will be swift retaliation, he explained.

The Treasury continued speeding up devaluation of the shekel yesterday. It has gone down 1.5 per cent in two days.

In an attempt to minimize the inflationary effect of the new levy, the government is reducing the import levy from 3 to 2 per cent.

All together, these measures are expected to provide \$173 million for backing exports. Exporters will receive some \$70m. by the reduction of insurance premiums, \$25m. in the form of subsidized credit and \$60m. from the reduction in National Insurance payments.

This will bring the total amount of subsidies to exporters in the coming year to almost \$900m.

The measures are expected to make Israeli products more competitive on the local market as well as in exports. An increase in exports is envisaged particularly to East Europe, Latin America and Africa.

The new levy will be applicable to all purchase of foreign currency, including that made by foreign citizens and temporary residents. Only diplomats and the Bank of Israel will be exempt from it.

Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum said yesterday that the levy will encourage people to do business in shekels, as it will simply not be worthwhile to convert into foreign currency and back again. He said the step is timely and will enable exporters to take advantage of the new possibilities opening up in foreign markets.

The banks were crowded yesterday, as numerous people planning to go abroad in the summer opened foreign-currency accounts before the new levy is introduced.

The Shinui Knesset faction yesterday criticized the new measures and said the government is lurching from one wrong policy to another, without taking real measures to improve the economy.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir: 'We don't need Reagan to preach withdrawal'

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel does not need President Reagan to preach to us to withdraw from Lebanon, because we are more eager to bring our soldiers home than the Lebanese are to see them leave, nor do we need anyone to preach to us about the morality of occupying another country, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said here last night.

"Let the Lebanese delegation to Kiryat Shmuna today reach agreement with us based on our minimal proposals and they'll be surprised how fast we'll bring our soldiers home," he told a Herut meeting at the Zion Hotel. American special envoy Philip Habib is keeping an eye on the Lebanese lest they get too close to Israel and invoke the anger of the other Arab states, Shamir said. But peace between Israel and an Arab country should not be conditional on the permission of other Arab countries, and least of all of the PLO. That way there will be no peace, said Shamir.

"Big countries can afford to make big mistakes, but the small ones can't always afford to pay the price," he said. But he had no doubt that Israel will soon have an agreement with Lebanon that will assure the security of our northern border and de facto peace.

Although Israel has waived its demands for a formal peace treaty, "our Lebanese friends assure us that the de facto peace will be more real and of greater content than our formal peace with Egypt," he said.

The foreign minister said that it is a big mistake to raise the prestige of the PLO by granting it a veto over King Hussein's peacemaking. Israel will never negotiate with the PLO. Thousands of Israeli settlements will be established and flourish in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District and the Arab population there will be able to live in peace with us in line with the Camp David agreements, he said.

Grapefruit advert will continue, TV panel rules

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A committee of TV officials has decided that a Citrus Marketing board advertisement for grapefruits an continue to be screened, despite protests that it is vulgar and degrading to women.

The committee, headed by broadcasting Authority board member Ahuva Meron, decided that the advertisement does not violate the criteria of "good taste" by the authority. The one-minute advertisement, for which TV House receives IS\$5,000 every time it is broadcast, shows a bevy of brass women bounding across the screen to promote grapefruit. The marketing board has huge surpluses of the fruit, which it fears, will have to be destroyed unless sold to the public.

Some women's organizations and private citizens have protested that the advertisement degrades the female body to sell a product, and some have said that it is in general scissious.

Christians and Druse clash east of Beirut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A massive clash broke out between Christians and Druse in the Bhamdoun-Ba'al Shemi area, east of Beirut, between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. last night, a military source in Tel Aviv reported.

The sides exchanged light arms, machine-gun and mortar fire, the source said.

The area was later reported to be quiet. The Israel Defence Forces will patrol and search the area today in an effort to calm the situation.

There were no reports of casualties.

Ustinov threatens U.S. with nuclear strike

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union will retaliate directly against U.S. territory if it is attacked with European-based cruise and Pershing missiles, Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov said yesterday.

Marshal Ustinov, visiting East Germany, threatened that a Soviet retaliatory strike against West European countries from which U.S. missiles are launched will be the final one for most of them.

U.S. intelligence sources said yesterday that the Soviet Union has developed a new long-range cruise missile, which it may deploy on mobile launchers as a new threat to Western Europe.

The missile, designated by U.S. intelligence as the SSCX-4, is said to have a range of more than 3,000 kilometres.

The official Tass news agency quoted Ustinov as saying in a speech to East German soldiers that the U.S. is planning to deploy Pershing and cruise missiles in Europe in order to heighten its own chances of survival.

He said the U.S. is "actually offering its NATO allies as targets for nuclear retaliation, making them the hostages of its nuclear strategy."

Marshal Ustinov said: "This return strike may turn out to be the final one for most of the West European countries in which American nuclear weapons are to be deployed. This should always be remembered by the governments of the Western countries."

The Soviet minister went on to declare that if the U.S. uses its new missiles "the United States will not go unpunished."

He added: "If in Washington they think that we will retaliate only against targets in Western Europe if Pershing and cruise missiles are used, they badly delude themselves. Retaliation against the United States will be ineluctable."

Ustinov said the Soviet Union did not want an arms race but was forced to take necessary measures in order to "avoid giving the imperialists an advantage that will enable them to dictate terms beneficial to them."

Western diplomats said Ustinov's pledge to retaliate against U.S. territory and not just against Western Europe does not represent a change in Soviet thinking.

Reactions to levy: 'Too little, too late'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The cabinet's decision yesterday to impose a 1 per cent levy on the purchase of foreign currency as a means of raising money to subsidize exports received a lukewarm reception yesterday from both union and industry sources.

Hevrat Ha'ovdim secretary Danny Rosolio, who is responsible for the Histadrut's business ventures, said that the tax is not enough to help local industry. In a press release issued by the Histadrut, Rosolio called the cabinet's move "too little and too late."

Rosolio maintained that more drastic steps are required to reduce imports and increase exports. The government's policy of devaluing the shekel at a slower pace than the rate of inflation created a situation in which imports were cheaper than local production, he said.

The Manufacturers Association (IMA) announced that the steps, "although welcome, fall far short of meeting the needs of the exporters."

The IMA pointed out that the main problem — the failure of the government to accelerate the rate of devaluation of the shekel — has not been dealt with. Only devaluing the shekel to its real value can solve the problem, it said.

The IMA said that during the first three months of this year, the real-value gap increased by 5.7 per cent, following a lag of 16.5 per cent in the past two years. This means that the rate of devaluation of the shekel is lagging behind foreign currency by about 25 per cent annually.

It noted that the steps taken by the authorities were agreed upon some time ago, and the industrial exporters had pointed out that they were far from sufficient.

Foreign doctors probe 'poisonings'

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two teams of foreign experts yesterday continued their separate investigations into the wave of alleged poisonings that has swept the Arab population of Judea and Samaria over the past two weeks. Meanwhile, the number of girls still hospitalized dropped to several scores, after some 50 patients were discharged from Hebron's Princess Alia Hospital yesterday morning.

Drs. Beth Miller and Phillip Landrigan, who arrived over the weekend from the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, yesterday visited the hospital in Hebron and spoke with doctors and patients. They were not accompanied by Israeli officials, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

The second team of experts, Drs. Gastone Vettorazzi and Ian Carter from the World Health Organization in Geneva, spent part of yesterday in Jenin talking with the 35 girls still hospitalized there and with local doctors. They were accompanied by Health Ministry representatives.

Both teams plan to stay "until their work has been completed". An Israeli official said that interim reports are likely to be presented to the respective health bodies by tomorrow or the beginning of next week.

At the weekly cabinet meeting yesterday, Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan presented an extensive survey of the development and chronology of the "epidemic" that has affected hundreds of Arab schoolgirls in Judea and Samaria since the first reported outbreak on March 21 in Arraba, south of Jenin.

Modan reiterated to the cabinet that exhaustive tests have turned up no evidence of poisoning. He deliberately used the term "mass phenomenon," rather than "mass hysteria," to describe the incidents.

He said that officials reached this conclusion by a process of elimination, after no organic causes could be uncovered. Modan quoted at length from well-known medical journals documenting similar episodes in the U.S. and England.

Bus riders hurt by stones in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two women passengers were injured last night when unknown assailants stoned the bus in which they were riding to Jerusalem's Neveh Yacov quarter. One woman was admitted to Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, where her condition was described as satisfactory. The second was sent home after receiving first-aid treatment at Hadassah. The Egged No. 25 bus had just passed the Arab quarter of Shuafat when flying rocks shattered several of its windows, wounding the women.

Police and Border Police searched the area for the stone throwers and arrested 10 suspects. Regular patrols were stepped up in an effort to prevent further incidents.

In Jerusalem's Old City yesterday, police dispersed Arab youths who tried to throw stones at a procession led by Nahman Kahane, brother of Kach leader Meir Kahane.

Nahman Kahane organized the procession as part of a Torah-installation ceremony at the Hazon Yehzekel Synagogue. His 17-year-old son is out on bail after being charged with firing a submachine gun at a crowd of Arabs in the Old City on Sunday night.

As soon as the youths began throwing stones, security forces dispersed them and the procession and ceremony continued without interruption.

In the West Bank, Kalkilya was placed under curfew for the first time yesterday, following several instances of stone throwing at Israeli cars. Neighbouring Asoun was also put under curfew, after residents threw stones at Jewish settlers from Kedumim, lightly wounding two.

The curfew on Tulkarm refugee camp continued yesterday, but did not prevent unknown vandals from setting fire to a local telephone cable. Security forces are investigating the incident. (Itim)

IDF attackers came from Syrian lines

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Israel Defence Forces sources in Lebanon believe that the gunmen who attacked an IDF vehicle on Tuesday evening, wounding two soldiers, came from the area under Syrian control.

The ambush took place near Ain Zahlan, in central Lebanon, about three kilometres from the Syrian lines.

The IDF is searching villages in the area. Soldiers have set up roadblocks and are searching cars. A terrorist was killed in Sidon yesterday when the bomb he was trying to place near an IDF position exploded.

Morocco steps up moves to convene Arab summit

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter

Moves to convene an urgent Arab summit in Morocco later this month to help determine Jordan's possible entry into the Middle East peace process gathered pace yesterday, with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat reportedly convinced that such a summit now provides the only hope of resolving the differences on this issue between the PLO and Jordan.

Envoys sent by Morocco's King Hassan to sound out Arab leaders on the possibility of holding a summit sometime in mid-April were reported to have arrived yesterday in Tunisia, Sudan and Kuwait.

Arafat, who arrived in Kuwait on Tuesday after suspending his talks in Amman, was reported yesterday to have made it plain in meetings with both Kuwaiti leaders and members of his own Fatah organization that "only an Arab summit conference can bridge the gap that separates him from King Hussein's position."

He is also reported to have met in Kuwait yesterday with several members of the PLO executive committee — including Nayef Hawatmeh, of the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Hussein is believed to be keen to enter the U.S.-led peace process in the region, provided that he will receive American assurances that pressure will be brought to bear on Israel to relinquish occupied Arab territory. But Arafat has been unable to support his entry, apparently because of the stand taken at last February's Palestine National Congress meeting in Algiers.

That meeting of the PLO's top decision-making body, while refraining from rejecting the U.S. initiative launched by President Reagan last September, made it plain that it was inadequate as a basis for negotiations, as it failed to recognize the Palestinians' right to independent statehood.

Instead, the PNC endorsed the Arab plan approved by last September's Arab summit in Fez — which calls for an independent Palestinian state and a central role for the PLO — as its "minimum" position.

Arafat is believed to be seeking to soften this position somewhat, possibly by getting a reconvened Arab summit to support Hussein's entry into the peace process provided that he receive adequate assurances from the U.S. concerning the future of the West Bank and the Gaza District.

Syria has come out strongly against any such attempt to "water down" the Fez plan, and this position has been reflected by pro-Syrian members of the PLO's 15-man executive committee.

PLO sources were yesterday reported as saying that such views are not representative of Arafat or of the PLO mainstream.

Arafat was expected to go on to Riyadh from Kuwait, apparently in a bid to win Saudi support for the proposed Arab summit.

Saudi Arabia, the main architect of last September's Fez plan, is reported to have cautioned Hussein against joining the peace process on the basis of the Reagan plan — a position based on its doubts about Washington's willingness or ability to put pressure on Israel.

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| Shomron | 32 | 15-24 | 19 |
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Hannah and Louis Mintz Family Building in the Humanities on the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus was dedicated yesterday at a ceremony attended by the donors, Mr. and Mrs. Mintz, and British Ambassador Patrick Moberly.

A new Wizo youth club, named after the late Heinz Herbert Karry, the Minister of Economic Affairs of Hesse state, West Germany, murdered by terrorists in 1981, was inaugurated yesterday in Nahariya in the presence of his widow Mrs. Maria Karry, other members of the Karry family, and a large gathering of distinguished guests, who were addressed by World Wizo President Raya Jaglom, H.E. the German Ambassador Dr. Niels Hansen and Nahariya Mayor Ephraim Shari. The guests included leaders of the West German Liberal and Socialist parties, members of Parliament and other notables from Hesse, members of the World Wizo Executive, and a large delegation from the German Federation of Wizo, which is sponsoring the club.

Dr. Alexander King, Chairman, Dr. Sam Nilsson, Director, Prof. Ian Burton, Prof. Paul M. Fye, and Ambassador Nils K. Stahle arrived at the Weizmann Institute of Science yesterday for a meeting of the Executive Council of the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study (IFIAS).

While at the Weizmann Institute where they will be guests of its President, Prof. Michael Sela, members of the IFIAS Council will discuss past activities and plans for the future.

Later, they will visit the Sde Boker campus of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev for a discussion organized by Prof. Amos Richmond on "Settlements in Fragile Ecosystems."

IFIAS was founded in 1972 under the auspices of the Nobel Foundation in Sweden and the Rockefeller Foundation in the USA, in the wake of a Nobel Symposium on "The Place of Values in a World of Facts." It serves primarily as a mechanism to help scholars from different walks of life and different nations to work together on problems of global significance. The Weizmann Institute was among the founding members of IFIAS.

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DEPARTURES

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin, to Zurich, on behalf of the Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal.

Veteran journalist Yosef Greiber dies, 69

Yosef Greiber, the veteran Israeli journalist who edited the daily news bulletins published by the Government Press Office for 30 years, died at the Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital on Tuesday and was buried at the Hadarom cemetery there yesterday. He was 69.

Born in Poland, Greiber came to Eretz Yisrael at age 14. He graduated from the Mikve Yisrael agricultural school and subsequently devoted himself to journalism. He worked for the *Doar Hayom*, *Davar*, and *Al Hanishmar*, and was one of the founding members of Israel Journalists' Federation.

After the establishment of the state, Greiber became one of the founders of the newly established Government Press Office and editor of the bulletin. He retired in 1979, but continued to edit publications for the Defence Ministry.

Greiber is survived by his wife Valeria, son Moshe and daughter Hani.

HOME NEWS

Doctors may meet Treasury today

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

After a week of stalemate in the talks between the Treasury and the striking doctors, efforts are being made to get the two sides together again to discuss the doctors' wage demands.

Although no date had been set by last night for a renewal of the talks, Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Ram Ishai said that a meeting will probably take place later today or tomorrow.

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak appealed to the doctors to renew their contact with Treasury officials, following his stormy exchange with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor at yesterday's cabinet meeting over the Treasury's handling of the wage talks.

Shostak, who met with IMA officials on Tuesday, presented the cabinet with a "new concept," calling for talks centered on the "principle" of how much a doctor in Israel should expect to earn,

without any reference to the limits imposed by the collective wage agreement.

Shostak also urged shortening the doctors' work hours, which can total up to 350 to 400 hours a month, counting standby and night duty. This, and a doubling of their basic salary, have been the doctors' two principal demands throughout almost a year of talks with the Treasury.

The chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, Menahem Porush, has also called a special committee meeting to discuss ways of ending the strike, which entered its sixth week yesterday. The meeting will be held today in Jerusalem.

The first steps to intensify the strike, which has left hospitals operating with 30 per cent of their regular staff and all hospital outpatient and neighbourhood clinics closed, were announced yesterday by the IMA.

The steps include the immediate

cessation of doctors' instruction in nursing schools; a continuation of the ban on bedside clinical instruction in medical schools; and instructions to duty and standby doctors at hospitals to use only transport provided by the employer to reach their places of work.

The IMA also announced that it will not provide medical care at the coming Hapoel games and that it is considering stopping the issue of medical certificates at the country's ports, without which ships can neither enter or leave the ports.

On the other hand, the IMA also announced yesterday that the committees that must sanction abortions, consisting of two doctors and a social worker, will resume working at certain private hospitals in the Tel Aviv area and at designated alternative medical centres.

The committees, which stopped sitting at the beginning of the strike, will be working at the Ramat Marpeh, Sanitas and Assuta private hospitals.

Ministry, city vie over Hassan Bek

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ministry for Religious Affairs will publish a tender for the renovation of the Hassan Bek mosque in Jaffa as soon as the renovation plans, approved by the Tel Aviv municipality, reach the ministry, ministry sources said yesterday.

The minaret of the mosque collapsed on Saturday, apparently due to structural reasons.

The ministry announced yesterday morning that together with the prime minister's adviser for Arab affairs it will finance the entire IS40 million project. The plans will be contributed by Tel Aviv municipality.

The sources criticized the municipality for not ordering detailed renovation plans from the engineers appointed to do so, and for not signing a contract with them. The plans presented to the city during the past year and a half were drawn up at the engineers' initiative, but even after the plans were approved, no contract was signed with the engineers, the sources said.

Engineer Mahmoud Tabouni, head of the engineering team making the renovation plans, told ministry officials yesterday that after the contract is signed, it will take five or six months to complete the plans.

Ministry director-general Moshe Solomon yesterday sent an urgent letter to Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lefter urging him to end the "red tape" and sign a contract with the engineers immediately, to enable the renovation to begin before winter.

Ministry sources also criticized the municipality for evading its responsibility to share in the renovation costs.

City Hall announced earlier this week that it will contribute the IS5 million that the plans will cost.

Municipality spokesman Roni Rimor said that City Hall had not gone ahead with the renovation plans because it had not received the funds from the ministry.

14 zealots held for disrupting meeting

BNEI BRAK (Itim). — Fourteen religious zealots, some of them minors, were arrested last night for disrupting a social event at the local labour council building.

The event, an evening of interviews, was open to the public and drew a large and rowdy crowd of onlookers, some of whom began to disrupt the meeting. Police had to use force to disperse the crowd.

Knesset com'tee again postpones ethics debate

The special session of the Knesset House Committee, scheduled to meet yesterday to conclude the discussion on a code of ethics for Knesset Members, was cancelled.

Committee secretary Mazal Barfi told *The Jerusalem Post* that the cancellation was decided after some committee members said they would be unable to attend. A new date has not been set.



A burst tire caused this car to go off the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road last night. The driver and his three passengers were seriously injured. (Rahamim Israeli)

3 pianists enter 'finals' of Rubinstein competition

Post Music Editor

The Fourth Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition moved into the finals last night after six contestants vied for the first three places yesterday and Tuesday.

The three finalists are: Hung-Kuan Chen (Taiwan), and Fei-Ping Hsu (People's Republic of China), and Jeffrey Kahane (U.S.).

Every seat in Tel Aviv's Marm Auditorium was taken on these two nights. No tickets are available for tonight's finals. Rarely has there been such a knowledgeable audience following the performance on the stage. It seems that almost every piano student and every music teacher, as well as interested music connoisseurs have attended the

competition's final stages. Some of the competitors who went through round one and two with flying colours appear to have lost their nerve (or chose the wrong concerto for the semi-finals) and disappointed their fans.

The three finalists tonight will play the following concertos: Chen, Brahms: Concerto No. 2, Hsu, Chopin: No. 2, Kahane, Rachmaninoff: Paganini-Rhapsody.

Once again, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under Mendi Rodan will accompany the pianists.

The three winners will play in a gala concert on Monday night at the Binyanei Ha'uma in Jerusalem, when the prizes and medals will be distributed.

IAI researchers in partial strike

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Aircraft Industries' 3,000 engineers and researchers have started a partial strike over management's failure to give pay advances to the researchers although such payments were made to other employees, staff committee member Haim Berger said yesterday. The engineers who are not researchers joined the partial strike because all belong to the

same staff committee, he said.

For the time being, the job action means working to rule and not putting in overtime.

Management said it could not pay advances while negotiations with researchers throughout the country are in progress. "We are prevented from making payment until a national agreement is concluded," the IAI's director-general Meir Dvir, said in a letter to the workers.

Man dies during 'Cohens' flat hearing

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man of 70 fainted in court yesterday and later died in hospital, then a woman, fainted when the news of the death was reported to the judge hearing the case of the three Cohens, each claiming ownership of a flat in Bat Yam. When the shouts and screams of the Cohen relatives filling Tel Aviv Magistrates Court obstructed the hearing, Judge Haim Eilat ordered them removed so that he could hear the attorneys' pleas.

The dead man was the father of two of the people involved and the woman who fainted is also a relation, Itim said, without giving further identification.

The basic facts of the case are clear: the original owner of the flat sold it first to Aharon and Rivka Cohen, then to Armand Cohen, and then to his brother Yitzhak Cohen (not related to Aharon and Rivka) — in order to recoup losses he suffered during the recent stock-market crash.

Last month, Armand Cohen rented the flat to a man named Francois Nahmani. When Aharon and Rivka Cohen came to take possession they found Nahmani in the flat. They then asked the court for an injunction against Nahmani and the Cohen brothers.

Judge Eilat said he was unable to follow the intricacies of the oral presentations in court. He instructed the attorneys to present their arguments in writing. After studying them, he said, he will decide who owns the flat.

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sion and did not appear in any of yesterday's newspapers.

The expelled Soviet officials included Counsellor Nikolai Chetverikov, ranked number three at the Paris Embassy, and Tass Paris bureau chief, Oleg Shirokov.

Meanwhile, a Soviet diplomat and a journalist left London for Moscow under expulsion orders yesterday, both rejecting the implication that they are spies.

Colonel Guennadi Primakov, assistant air attaché, told reporters at London Airport that the allegations against him are unfounded. Igor Titov of the Soviet magazine *New Times* categorically denied that he is a spy.

TEETH. — A dental clinic specially fitted to treat the disabled, a joint gift of the Haifa Dental Society, the LIBI, defence fund and the Koor company, has been opened at the Israel Defence Forces' convalescent home in Haifa.

BOMB. — Iranian agents triggered an explosion at a publishing house in Baghdad yesterday, causing minor damage, an Iraqi Interior Ministry spokesman said.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of

FREDERICK STEINER

The funeral will take place tomorrow, April 8, at the Mount of Olives Cemetery. Please phone (02) 814094 for funeral details.

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Your Friends and Colleagues
Division of Foreign Languages
Tel Aviv University

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In deep sorrow, we announce the death of

JACOB KATZ

and offer sympathy to the family in Israel and to his brother Ruben Katz and family

Israel and Khaim Pollak and Family
Czanka Pearlrot and Family
Menahem Pollak and Family

Rules slated to cover sale of damaged cars

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Transport Ministry intends to introduce regulations governing the sale of damaged cars that have been damaged in transit, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

The move is apparently not connected with the decision of the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court this week to fine the Mediterranean Car Agency, importers of Fiat in Israel, for selling a car without informing the buyer that it had been repaired after being damaged during shipping. The company was ordered to pay a fine of IS15,000 and IS6,000 in costs.

The *Post* learns that the company intends to appeal the decision.

The new regulations are being formulated by an advisory committee set up by Transport Minister Haim Corfu, and consisting of representatives of the ministry, the importers and consumer organizations. The committee intends to present its findings to the minister shortly.

According to the proposals, damage of up to 10 per cent of the

value of the car need not be reported to the buyer as long as it is professionally repaired. Damages of between 10 and 25 per cent of the car's worth will have to be reported to the buyer along with an explanation of the repairs done. But the importer will not have to compensate the buyer.

If the car sustains damage of over 25 per cent of its worth, the importer will have to offer the buyer the option of taking a different car, or will have to repair the car and pay compensation.

Importers questioned by *The Post* yesterday, including the Mediterranean Car Agency, said that they were already carrying the proposals out voluntarily, though they have not yet become law.

An insurance agency representative pointed out that it will be very difficult for the average car buyer to ascertain the true extent of the damage to his car. He explained that repairs are done at the importer's central garage and it is very difficult for an outsider to ascertain the extent, time and price of the work.

Fuel and subsidized foods cost 5 per cent more today

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The prices of fuel and subsidized foods went up last night at midnight by an average of 5 per cent.

The Energy Ministry stressed that fuel prices in dollar terms have dropped steadily since last July.

The ministry spokesman said that the gradual, nominal price rises of the last few months are part of the government's policy of periodically adjusting price levels to the

devaluation of the shekel in relation to the dollar.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said that the drop in world oil prices since last year saved the economy \$200 million in 1982 and is expected to save \$300m. this year.

The spokesman said that since last July the real price of 91 octane petrol has dropped by 12 per cent, 94 octane petrol by 11 per cent, kerosene by 17 per cent, diesel fuel by 11 per cent and cooking gas by 10 per cent.

The following is a sample of new prices (old prices in brackets):

| Old price | New price | Old price | New price |
|--|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| IS | IS | IS | IS |
| Petrol, 91 octane (per litre) | 23.10 | 24.10 | |
| Petrol, 94 octane (per litre) | 25.10 | 26.40 | |
| Diesel fuel (per litre) | 18.20 | 19.10 | |
| Kerosene (per litre) | 18.90 | 19.80 | |
| Cooking gas (12-kilogram canister) | 285.25 | 299.56 | |
| Heavy oil for electricity (per ton) | 6,764 | 7,102 (not including VAT) | |
| Heavy oil for industry (per ton) | 7,029 | 7,380 (not including VAT) | |
| The 5 per cent cut in subsidized food prices is part of a policy announced last September by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel, by which the pace of price adjustments | | | |

Eitan teaches mother about Eretz Yisrael

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Only after you've been here for 100 years will you know what 'Eretz Yisrael' means," Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan reportedly told Sarah Yablonsky, who yesterday began a sit-down strike outside the Defence Ministry. She is protesting against the imprisonment of her son, Anatol Yablonsky, for refusing to do military reserve duty beyond the Green Line.

In the past four months, Anatol, a 29-year-old physicist, has been sent to military prison three times, where he has served 65 days. A week and a half ago he was called up for three days' reserve duty, and when he refused to serve in the administered territories he was sentenced to 35 days in prison.

Sarah Yablonsky, of Beersheba, said many people expressed support for her while she sat outside the Defence Ministry. Others dissented, but in a civilized way, she said. She

collected signatures on a petition asking the authorities to allow her son to serve in pre-1967 Israel.

"The chief of staff asked me how long I am in Israel, and I told him that I came to the State of Israel (Medinat Yisrael) from Poland 17 years ago," Yablonsky said.

"What is the State of Israel?" he asked me.

"When I said I meant within the pre-1967 borders, he said: 'There are no occupied territories, only Eretz Yisrael!' Then he told me that I will have to be here 100 years before I understand what that means," she said.

Yablonsky intends to resume her vigil outside the Defence Ministry at 9 a.m. today.

MAN BITES. — The Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday released a man on IS10,000 bail after he was charged with biting the hand of a policeman who asked him to identify himself.



Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg meets yesterday in his office in Jerusalem with the Metropolitan Pilaret, head of the foreign affairs department of the Moscow patriarchate. (Ruhaimi Israel)

2nd coal-powered plant slated for Ashkelon

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Energy Ministry will soon give final approval to the plan to set up a second coal-burning power plant just south of Ashkelon at the terminal of the Eilat-Ashkelon oil pipeline, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i would neither confirm nor deny this report, but said that a final decision will be announced next week after he visits the site.

The cabinet late last year approved the site for a 1,100-megawatt plant to cost \$1 billion. The decision to start work at the site was delayed pending a final review of the economic necessity of the plant. The boilers and turbogenerators for the plant have been ordered.

The plan has aroused stiff opposition from residents in the region, who contend that the pollution from the plant will harm agriculture and tourism.

Opponents of the plan argue that demand for electricity at the end of the decade, when the plant is

scheduled to start operating, could be met by renovating older power stations and by adding two more 550 megawatt units to the coal-fired plant at Hadera. The latter plant is due to have four of these units operating by next year.

The Energy Ministry official in charge of electricity development, Ram Haviv, said that one purpose of building a series of large coal-fired power plants in the 1980s and early 1990s is to phase out some older units in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Ashdod. These consume heavy oil and are less efficient and cause more pollution. The older plants cannot be converted to use coal, he said.

He added that even though it is possible to add more units at Hadera, this is not desirable from a political point of view. The residents of the Hadera region, he said, accepted the plant and its accompanying pollution-monitoring network only after years of bitter conflict, and the government's credibility will be undermined if it tries to make radical change in the site in the next few years.

Former party leader raps NRP leadership

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party should threaten to leave the government unless a national unity government is formed, former minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is trying to revive the NRP's Likud-Umura faction, told a news conference here yesterday. He pointed out that he and his colleagues succeeded in a similar maneuver at the time of the Six Day War, and that the country's situation is as bad as it was then, if not worse.

"From what I know, the people who count in the Alignment are willing, but the government has not to create the proper conditions," he said. "And by the way, when we approached Mapai in 1967, they were no more interested than the Likud is

now. It was our ultimatum that tipped the scales."

He said the NRP's leadership is responsible for the party's electoral decline, which public opinion polls show is continuing, and should draw "the obvious conclusions."

Rabin was ousted from leadership of his faction in 1977 by David Glass, who has now teamed up with him for the attempted comeback, and Aharon Abuhazera, now of Tami, with whom he recently had a meeting that Rabin termed "private and non-political."

In the last party elections, held in 1972, Likud-Umura was the second largest faction with 24 per cent of the convention seats compared to 28 per cent for Yosef Burg's Laminah faction. Likud-Umura's strength is unknown.

Elections have not been held for

10 years because there are some in the party who fear elections, Rabin said. He said he hopes the elections will be held as scheduled on June 1 and be fair and honest, "without under-the-table deals either before or after voting."

Rabin said that, though he disapproves of Tami's ethnic basis, he understands why people left the NRP for Tami. "Fifty per cent of our membership is Sephardi, but they are not represented accordingly in party institutions or among our elected representatives."

"I am no longer one of the younger generation, and Zviulon Hammer is not either," he said.

He said he is not seeking a return to "active" political life, but that "those who think I have something to offer are getting me more and more involved."

Martyrs Remembrance Day on Sunday

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt this year — the Year of Heroism — gives a special character to Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day next Sunday.

"In a sense, the Jewish State was founded in Warsaw," Yad Vashem Council chairman Gideon Hausner told a news conference yesterday. The Holocaust hit all branches of Jewry, Ashkenazim as well as Sephardim. Sephardi communities in Salonika, Amsterdam and Hamburg were wiped out.

"We must answer false allegations heard in some quarters that the Holocaust does not concern the Sephardi population of Israel

today," he warned. "North African Jewry was saved from extermination only in the nick of time by Allied victories."

The opening state ceremony of Remembrance Day will be held at Yad Vashem in the presence of President Yitzhak Navon at 8:15 Saturday night. Prime Minister Menachem Begin will address a memorial assembly at Yad Vashem at 10:30 Sunday morning. The meeting is open to the public. Fifteen surviving ghetto fighters living in Israel will receive Yad Vashem's silver medal at the assembly.

The ghetto rising will also be commemorated at ceremonies in Washington and Warsaw. Hausner will represent Israel at the U.S.

ceremony and Yad Vashem Executive chairman Yitzhak Arad will attend those in Warsaw, which will be followed by a scientific congress on the "Final Solution."

In Warsaw, Yad Vashem will award its Righteous Gentile Medal to about 50 Poles who risked their lives to save Jews. Asked about the appropriateness of attending functions connected with the Nazi era in Poland, Hausner said: "We can't boycott the Poles because of their politics."

In the German Federal Republic, the Warsaw rising will be marked by the Friedrich Ebert Fund. The Bonn government has not taken any initiative in the matter, a Yad Vashem spokesman said.

Call for kibbutzim to take more deprived children

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Not enough kibbutzim are taking disadvantaged youth, Fella Yitzhaki, who is in charge of this work at the League of Kibbutz Movements, told reporters here yesterday. The news conference was about the work the kibbutzim have done in educating Youth Aliya children over the past fifty years, but Yitzhaki and other kibbutz representatives were at least equally concerned over what is not being done.

A quarter of the 200,000 children dealt with by Youth Aliya in the 50 years of its existence were educated in kibbutzim. However, today the kibbutzim receive only about 10 per cent of Youth Aliya children.

"In the early days it was a matter of saving children from Germany,"

and later from Morocco and Iraq," Yitzhaki explained.

Today, there are 2,000 Youth Aliya children at 85 kibbutzim. She would like to see 200 kibbutzim taking Youth Aliya wards. "There are problems of housing and a need for more classroom space as well as teachers," she said.

A study done three years after a group of kibbutz "graduates" finished their conscript military service shows that 25 per cent are living on kibbutzim, another 15 per cent tried kibbutz life and left. All but 1 per cent were grateful for their kibbutz experience, believed it taught them how to work, and helped them in the Israel Defence Forces and in finding jobs afterwards.

The study also showed that those with kibbutz experience teach their siblings, and others in the neighbourhoods what they learned.

Negev town offers prize to artists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The Negev town of Yeroham has decided to give a prize to painters on Independence Day. This was decided at the initiative of Zecharia Liraz, who has been active in cultural projects in the Negev for the past 25 years. Both the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Association of Painters and Sculptors have extended their support to the project.

Artists who wish to compete for the prize may get the necessary forms at branches of the Association of Painters in the large cities, from the Yeroham Local Council, or from the Liraz Gallery in Beersheba.

35 soldiers cited for bravery

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Thirty-five Israel Defence Force officers and other ranks were awarded citations for bravery during the Lebanon war at a ceremony here yesterday. Posthumous citations were awarded to the families of soldiers killed in the war.

Medals of Valour will be awarded to soldiers who fought in the Lebanon war in a ceremony to be broadcast in colour over television from Beit Hanassi at 10 a.m. today.

Yesterday's citations were presented by OC Northern Command Aluf Amir Drori and other senior officers to the recipients, who came forward, one by one, to receive their citations. One

recipient had his leg in a cast.

The audience was visibly moved as relatives of the fallen, some dressed in black, accepted the citations.

Drori said that the IDF is a "glorious army, which has fought glorious battles and has a long fighting tradition." He stressed that individuals, not units, are honoured for their actions.

"Operation Peace for Galilee was a special and complex war, which demanded the highest degree of professionalism from those who fought it," Drori said.

Another 11 citations will be given today to intelligence and air force personnel. The ceremonies will be held at the recipients' units.

High school pupils and representatives of Galilee settlements were present at yesterday's ceremony.

Navon: news about good people also good for society

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israeli society needs to be criticized in order to be healthy, but it needs just as urgently to be told about people who devote themselves to helping others, President Yitzhak Navon said yesterday.

Speaking at the ninth President's Volunteer Prize award ceremony before a capacity audience of 3,500 in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma, Navon said that after meeting hundreds of thousands of Israelis during his five years as chief of state, he is convinced that "we are much better than we think." Merely reading newspaper headlines can lead to dejection and hopelessness in the nation, he said.

He revealed that, according to Sara Meltzer, head of the Centre for Volunteer Services, 700,000 Israelis do volunteer work. Excluding young children, the very elderly and the sick, "it means that every second Israeli does something to help others without taking payment."

Navon "interviewed" five of the 17 award winners, who had been selected by an advisory committee that sifted through 400 human stories. Pastor Per Fia-Hansen told the president that it was a "privilege" for him, as a Norwegian-born clergyman settled in Israel, to promote aliyah and work for the improvement of Israel's

image around the world. "Israel is the fulfilment of biblical prophecies," he said.

Puma Tawil, a Christian Arab woman who established the first kindergarten in Nazareth, told Navon that it is difficult to persuade Arab women in the town to go out to work, but that now their lifestyle has changed and many of the women volunteer themselves.

The other winners of the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Volunteer Work for this year were: David Saville and Shmuel Becker (Jerusalem lawyers who assist new-olim buyers to find their way); Alice Asulin and Drora Solomon (Dimona women who assist the elderly, blind and retarded); Lea Azizi (mother of five in Hadera who helps the needy); Ralph Elkin (77, who established a school for mentally handicapped youngsters); Michael Milo (Tel Aviv fighter for the consumer); Ahisameh (volunteer group of Orthodox volunteers in Haifa who work with 20 institutions for the chronically ill); Mildred and Avraham Goldstein (American olim who, at their own expense, have run a free canteen for soldiers on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road for the last decade); Gurshon Levi (who has set up schools in Israel Defence Forces for disadvantaged youth who would otherwise have been rejected for service); Rahel Sor (17-year-old resident of Beersheba who volunteers in Magen David Adom, Civil Guard and criminal rehabilitation projects); and School volunteers in Safad (formerly marginal youth who see to the maintenance of 110 monuments to fallen soldiers in the Golan Heights); Shlomo Unreich (71, of Kfar Sava, who works day and night helping the elderly, new olim, youth and people in trouble); and Zeeva Fuchs (who provides help and companionship to the chronically ill in several institutions).

The president later received the winners and their families at Beit Hanassi.

School out early Monday as teachers resume struggle

TEL AVIV. — Schoolchildren will be dismissed at 11 a.m. next Monday as the first step in their teachers' fight for implementation of the Etzioni Committee recommendations. These call for higher salaries for teachers, smaller classes and other improvements in teachers' working conditions. This was decided yesterday, when the Histadrut Teachers Union and Secondary School Teachers Association formed a joint committee to plan strategy for the campaign to get the recommendations implemented.

The joint committee will hold a press conference here on Monday to reveal future plans.

The committee, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Moshe Etzioni, recommended in December, 1979 to award salary increases to teachers and improve their working conditions. The cabinet accepted the recommendations a year later, leading to the resignation of then finance minister Yigal Hurvitz.

Today, more than three years later, the recommendations have not been fully implemented.

Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer has met Finance

Minister Yoram Aridor and senior Treasury officials in the last few days to discuss ways to continue implementing the Etzioni recommendations, within the framework of the wage agreement for the public sector.

In the next few days, senior officials from both ministries will work out concrete proposals, including pay increases, which will be submitted to the teachers after Hammer and Aridor approve them.

TA cafe partitions must come down soon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Partitions built for the winter outside local cafes and restaurants must be taken down by midnight April 15, town clerk Shmuel Levy announced yesterday. Sidewalk partitions remaining after that date will be posted with demolition notices, he said.

STIPEND. — The Discount Bank's Recanat Students Fund has given scholarships totalling IS900,000 to 160 students in pre-academic courses at the Hebrew University, Ben-Gurion University and the Beit Berl College.

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Add up the looks of the '30s and the '50s — and there you have it: the '80s look for spring and summer. Words and pictures by THEA WEISS.

Chic chicks



WITH EVERYTHING, turn, turn, turn. Fashion is no exception, and this spring, it turns to the romantic '30s and the rock 'n' roll '50s for its inspiration and adoration.

Influenced by the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*, and the successful TV series, *Brideshead Revisited*, the '30s silhouette is softer, sleeker. There's an unhurried feeling of opulence that comes from sumptuous silk, minutely-patterned crêpe de chine, flat light wools, mohair tweeds and crisp linens.

First impressions are lean and long. Straight, tunic-shaped blouses and tops fall to the hip; jackets are low and double breasted, often with a single button closure. Skirts,

lowered to calf level or barely above the ankle for the newest, most sophisticated length, are straight with high slits, or fully pleated.

Necklines are collarless, severe and square or cut to a deep V. Pants are wide and full over the hip, rounded in at ankle length. Detailing is strong, spare and mannish, with belted and tabbed waistbands and side welt pockets. Colors are pearlized grey, ivory and violet with ink blues and black completing the palette.

Marilyn Monroe and *Happy Days*: the '50s revival is more than a look, it's an attitude. From skintight dresses with bolero jackets to boxy tops and bouffant skirts; from American-

style sweaters and dusters (loose jackets) to strappy sundresses and pencil-slim skirts — exaggeration and extremes in shapes seem exactly right. And, the halter makes a comeback, as do boat, cowl and asymmetrical necklines.

Sleeves take off dolman, kimono and bat-style, while waists go in with wide, corselet belts. Legs make news with bermudas, pedal pushers and slinky cigarette jeans. Bold, flashy prints and citrus colours brighten clothes of cotton and gabardine, while evenings are floaty in layers of chiffon and organza.

That innocent coquette, Gigi, has brought us back those beautiful blouses and peplum jackets, with

their nipped-in waists and flouncing hems. Soft bows abound on shirts with fagotting, pleats, scallops and puffers. Sleeves are very important, but not out of proportion, the favourites being balloon and leg-of-mutton. The gilet, neither jacket nor jerkin, is another important item featuring an elongated shoulder line.

Body-conscious women (and women-watchers) will welcome the colour-split collection of baseball and T-shirts and mini-skirts and shorts with turned up cuffs, inspired by team uniforms. Stone-washed cottons, chambrays and sweatshirt fabrics are sewn in bright reds, yellows, oranges and earthy tones of

ochre and spice.

Unconstructed, casual and simple — Japan has spread its sphere of influence to men's fashions. Shirts are loose; necks are free of collars or asymmetrically designed, armholes are deep and shoulders dropped. Colors make a bold and defined mark on contrasting panels and pockets and big buttons feature prominently. Trousers are full, tapering at the bottom.

Take the '30s and the '50s, add them up — and you have the '80s and this spring's fashions, capturing the essence of today touched with the spirit of years gone by.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehli.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 Language and Communication: 3-5
8.40 Spoken Arabic: 9.00 English: 9.20
Music: 4-6 9.50 English: 9.10.15 Science
10.30 The History of Eretz Yisrael: 10.50
Fistuk's House: 11.15 English: 4.11.30
Geography: 7.9.12.00 Science: 7-8.12.30
Literature: 9.12.13.00 Music: 13.30 French
15.00 Programme for Kindergarten:
Science, Road Safety (repeats)
16.00 Castaway (part 8)
16.30 Avoiding Accidents
16.40 Follow Me — Beginners' English for
Adults (repeats)
17.00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Ditty Songs
18.00 Two Together — bi-weekly quiz; introduced by Sefi Rivlin
ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Situation
18.45 Arabic Quiz
19.00 Meeting — discussion on current affairs
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES: resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.03 Match of the Week
20.50 Beauty Spot — tips for brides and trips

21.00 Mahat Newsreel
21.30 The Battle of Warsaw: BBC documentary describing the struggle of the Polish underground against the Nazis
22.20 Testament of Youth: Part 4 of a 5-part serial on the life of writer Vera Brittain. Starring Cheryl Campbell and Peter Woodward
23.15 Three's Company — comedy series starring Joyce Dewitt, Suzanne Somers and John Ritter: Christie's Date
23.40 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (JTV 3) The Misadventure of Sheriff Lobo
19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Private Benjamin 21.10 Eight is Enough
22.00 News in English 22.15 Feature Film.

ON THE AIR

First Programme
6.11 Musical Clock
7.07 Cinemas: Concerto in G Major for 2 Flutes (Aurele and Christian Nicollet Muenchinger); Offenbach: Orpheus in the Underworld Overture; Copland: A Dance Episode from Rodeo (New York Philharmonic, Bernstein); Bartok: Evening in Transylvania (Bela Bartok, piano)
8.05 Verdi: Te Deum (Chicago Symphony,

Solti); Brahms: Violin Concerto in D Major (Grumiaux, David); Sibelius: Symphony No.1 in E Minor, op.39 (Slovakia); P. Ben-Haim: Prophet's Vision (Misha Raizin, Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir, Jerusalem Symphony, David Shalton)
10.05 Schubert: String Quartet in G Minor (New Israel Quartet); Shostakovich: Piano Quintet op.57 (Milon)
11.05 Sephardic Traditions
11.15 Elementary School Programmes
11.30 Education for All
12.05 Bach: Concerto for Recorder in D Major (Franz Bruggen); Haydn: Symphony No.88 in G Major (Israel Chamber Orchestra)
13.00 Stage Music — Offenbach: Belle Helene
14.10 Children's Programmes
15.25 Talk on Halachic matters by Rabbi Goren
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 First Recording — Ned Rorem: Nine Songs (Lily Lovitz, soprano, with Anni Sharon-Tabor) Mozart: Trio, K.498 (A. Harari, clarinet; E. Lipsey, viola; A. Sharon-Tabor, piano)
16.40 Speaker's Podium
17.10 Lesson in Halacha
17.35 Programmes for Olim
20.10 The Fourth International: Arthur Rubinstein Piano Master Competition — Third Stage (Live broadcast from the Tel Aviv Mann Auditorium with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Mendel Rodan conducting)
23.00 Radio Drama

00.10 Chamber Music — Brahms: Sextet No.1, op.18 (Cleveland Quartet, Zukerman, Greenhouse)
Second Programme
6.12 Gymnastics
6.22 Agricultural Broadcasts
6.35 Editorial Review
6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 First Thing — with Ehud Manor
10.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Matters of Interest — introduced by Gabi Gazit
16.10 Any Questions?
17.10 Magazine
17.25 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine
18.05 Tales of the Underground
18.47 Bible Reading — Job 21:1-13
19.00 Today — people and events in the news
20.05 Between Friday and Saturday (repeats)
21.10 With People (repeats)
21.05 They Say There's a Land (repeats)
23.05 Treasure Hunt — radio game

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Long Way Home; Edison: L'as des As; Habimah: Nurit II; Kfar: Summer Lovers 4, 6.45, 9; Mithras: Officer and a Gentleman 6.30, 9.15; Orpheus: Jungle Book 4, 6, 8; Orion: Annie 4.6.30, 9; Orin: Mad Max: Road Warrior 7, 9.15; Binyamin: Semadar: Six Weeks 7, 9.15; Binyamin: Ha'mama: The Verdict 6.45, 9; Israel Museum: Oliver 3.30; Cinema One: All That Jazz 6.45, 9.15; Cinemascope: Chimes at Midnight 7; Conte Mediocore and La Bete, 9.30; Electric Horseman, midnight.

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Albany: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly 6.30; Ben-Yehuda: World According to Garp 4.15, 7, 9.30; Beth Hasefeth: Image Before My Eyes, 8.30; Cinema 1: E.T. 2.30, 4.40, 7.10, 9.40; Cinema 2: Pinocchio 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30, E.T. 10.15 a.m.; Cinema 3: Dinner 4.30, 7.15, 9.35; Cinema 4: A Hard Day's Night 10.30, 8, then continuously from 1.30; Cinema 5: 4.30, 7, 9.30; Cinema One: Eskimo Limon; Cinema Two: closed; Delek: The Verdict 7, 9.30; Drive-In: Angle of Hit 9.30; Water Babies 7.15; Sex film, 12.15 midnight; Esther: L'as des As; Gati: Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7, 9.30; Gerdas: Tompat 4.30, 7, 9.30; The Green Room 5; Hedi: First Blood; Lev 1: Clair de Lune; Night of San Lorenzo 7.15, 9.30; Limor: Summer Lovers 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Mithras: Nurit II; Mithras: Annie 4, 7, 9.30; Orin: Dr. No; Patis: Gregory's Girl 10, 12, 2, 4.15, 9.30; Patis: Lonely Hearts; Shalef: Six Weeks 4.30, 7, 9.30; Studio: Young Doctors in Love; Tchelet: Moxy Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl 4.30, 7, 9.30; Tel Aviv Museum: Draughtsman's Contract; Tel Aviv: Blade Runner 4.30, 7, 9.30

Emmanuelle 6 nonstop: Orin:
Amirco 6.30, 9; Pinocchio, Sun, 11 a.m., 3.30; Tue, Wed, Thur, 4; Patis: Officer and a Gentleman 4, 6.30, 9; Ron: World According to Garp 6.15, 9; My Mother the General 4; Shavit: Cabaret 6.45, 9.15; Watership Down 11.30, 5; Keres Or: Gone With the Wind 3.30, 7.30
RAMAT GAN
Armon: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 9.30; Pinocchio 4, 6, 8; Kfar Hasefeth: Victor Victoria, Mon, 7.15, 9.15; Missing, Tue, Wed, Thur, 7.15, 9.15; Lily: Summer Lovers 7.15, 9.30; Orin: E.T. 4, 7, 9.30; Orin: Nurit II 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: Annie 4, 7, 9.30
HERZLIYA
Tiferet: Nurit II 4, 7.15, 9.15
NETANYA
Esther: First Blood 7, 9.15
HOLON
Mithras: Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Sawy: Blade Runner, Sun, 10 p.m., Mon, 7.15, 9.30, Tue, Wed, Thur, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
RAMAT HASHARON
Sara: Young Love, Mon-Thur, 7; Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy, Sun, 9.30, 11.30, Mon, Wed, Thur, 9.30; Man Who Fell to Earth, Mon, 1.30, Tue, 9.30; Professor Disappears in London, Sun, Mon, 11 a.m., Tue, 4; Sect Madness, Sun, 2.30, Tue, 11 a.m., Wed, Thur, 4

Prices of many stocks have not yet fallen enough: Japhet

Leumi Group had IS3.5 billion net profit

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The shake-out of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in January, when shares plummeted in a wave of panic selling, "did not cause the prices of many stocks to fall enough," Ernst I. Japhet, board chairman of Bank Leumi and the group's chief executive officer, said yesterday. He was speaking at a press conference devoted to the group's 1982 financial statements.

He added, however, that "a few stocks are now favourably priced and should prove attractive to long-term investors." (He waved aside with a laugh a request for the names of these stocks.)

Commenting on the behaviour of the stock market in general, he said he hoped that "part of the public, out for a fast profit, had learned its lesson."

As for "regulating the prices" of some shares (mainly those of the large banks), he thought that such action was necessary as long as the economy itself was erratic, and as long as institutional investors did not buy heavily and thus constitute a moderating influence on prices.

Until these factors applied, the prices of some stocks would continue to be regulated, he said. They would thus constitute a sort of "debt," returning a more or less fixed yield.

The consolidated balance sheet of the Leumi Group grew to IS788 billion (\$23.4b.) at the end of 1982. This constituted a non-deflated growth of 148 per cent over the 1981 balance sheet, but adjusted for in-



Ernst I. Japhet

flation it would be 7.2 per cent. Determined in U.S. dollars, the growth was 15 per cent.

The consolidated net profit was IS3.5b. (\$103 million), an increase of 180 per cent in inflationary terms, or 21 per cent after adjustment to the rise in the cost-of-living index. In dollar terms, the rise in consolidated net profits was 30 per cent.

Net earnings per share, fully diluted, rose by 163 per cent not deflated; and capital funds increased by 180 per cent, not deflated.

(The consolidated accounts do not include the assets of the provident and other funds under the group's management, about IS80b., or of the assets of 21 mutual funds, which are some IS33b. Also excluded from the consolidated ac-

counts are the balance sheets of the non-banking subsidiaries.) Japhet noted that the bank had decided to distribute bonus shares at the rate of 100 per cent. Since 40 per cent bonus shares were already distributed in 1982, the total amount of these shares will be 180 per cent. (Recipients of the 40 per cent will also benefit from the 100 per cent new distribution.)

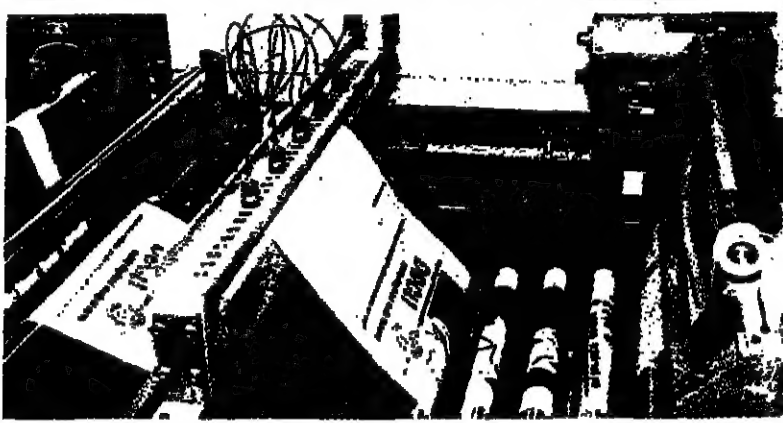
He also pointed out that the bank had made a policy decision more than a year ago not to pay cash dividends. "Most of the recipients reinvested immediately in Bank Leumi stock anyway, and since we have 450,000 shareholders, this constituted an enormous amount of work."

Japhet said that the board of directors was quite happy with the results for 1982, "although, of course, we are always trying to do better." But the profits, and expansion, must be considered against a background of the worldwide scene — a depression and towering unemployment in the West, inflation at home and abroad, and the war in Lebanon.

Asked to explain the huge leap in funds set aside for "doubtful debts," which rose from IS109m. in 1981 to IS640m. in 1982, Japhet pointed out that a good portion was to cover expected losses in the American banking operations. Another portion was for expected losses to the bank or its subsidiaries from the diamond industry.

Several problems faced Leumi and the banking community in general in 1982, Japhet said. The decelerated rate of inflation led to lower profits, since most of the bank's assets were in foreign currency. Moreover, the government's policy led to "non-realistic interest rates," which also cut into the bank's profits. Finally, the fees charged by the bank for collecting bills for the government (telephone, etc.) were far too low.

"We would like to propose that the government collect all these bills through the Post Office Bank," Japhet said, adding that "the Post Office Bank will have to employ another 10,000 clerks to handle the huge volume of payments."



View of the P.H.P. 2001 in-motion hole punching system in operation with a plastic bag converting machine. In contrast to the standard "stop and go" hole-making procedure, the new auxiliary device (at left) holes "on the fly" at speeds of up to 85 strokes per second with the material moving at up to 300 metres per minute. This process of automatic hole punching has been developed and is manufactured by M.A.L., Industrial Automation Systems in Kfar Sava. Cost of the unit ranges from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

Higher inflation foreseen

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All factors indicate that "a new inflationary record" will be set in 1983, according to a survey just made by Euroteam, a financial consultancy firm. However, the firm's economists do not predict any actual figure. They merely say that inflation will surpass the peak of 132 per cent reached in 1980.

Euroteam uses the monthly Cost-of-Living Index hikes as its first factor. If the past 14 months (all of 1982 plus the first two months of 1983) are compared with 1981, then the spiral increased in 12 of these 14 months. (For example, if the index rose by 8.3 per cent in January 1982, it rose by 8.4 per cent in the same month this year. And if it rose by 5.7 per cent in February, 1982, the hike in the same month this year was 6.2 per cent.)

Moreover, the rate at which the authorities have pumped money into the economy is also accelerating. If the net rate was 1.9 per cent a year in 1980, the figure rose to 4.6 per cent in 1981, and to

18.9 per cent in 1982.

Trade conditions also indicate a quickening of the spiral. In 1982, there was a drop of 9 per cent in the cost of imports reaching Israel, while there was only a 4.4 per cent drop in the value of exports. This means that the conditions of trade actually improved by 5 per cent in 1982.

Furthermore, although the price of petroleum will probably drop in the current year, this will in all likelihood be offset by the higher prices of imported industrial raw materials.

The government's present policy of "actually revaluing the real value" of the shekel (by 13.9 per cent from January, 1981 through February, 1983) is increasingly endangering both the country's exports and the local industries. Imports are cheaper, and this will cause local factories to cut back on production. The only way to offset the increased value of the shekel is to increase the compensation given exporters through the exchange rate insurance scheme. This will mean "printing money."

Sterling stronger

LONDON (Reuters). — Sterling followed up Tuesday's strong advances yesterday with new gains against most currencies. Buoyed by confidence that world oil prices are heading for a period of stability, the British pound rose almost a cent, to \$1.5140, from Tuesday's close at \$1.5050.

Against the West German mark sterling rose to 3.6465 marks, from 3.6355, and the index measuring its value against a basket of major currencies was 0.3 points higher at 80.6 at midday.

When European currency markets opened Tuesday after the Easter break, the sterling index moved above 80 per cent of its 1975 value for the first time since early March, following Nigeria's decision not to match the latest proposed cut in the price of Britain's North Sea oil.

Japan gives Egypt bigger loan

TOKYO (Reuters). — Visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday accepted an offer of increased Japanese loans during talks with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, a Japanese official said.

The two leaders also discussed the Middle East, agreeing that the time was ripe for a settlement of the Palestinian question, a foreign ministry official Yoshio Karita told reporters.

The offer of a 50 billion yen (\$210 million) loan in development aid to Egypt was for the 1982 fiscal year and compared with 46b. yen (\$194m.) for 1981.

Mubarak arrived here on Tuesday from North Korea, after an earlier visit to Peking. He goes to Indonesia on Saturday on the last leg of his four-nation Asian tour.

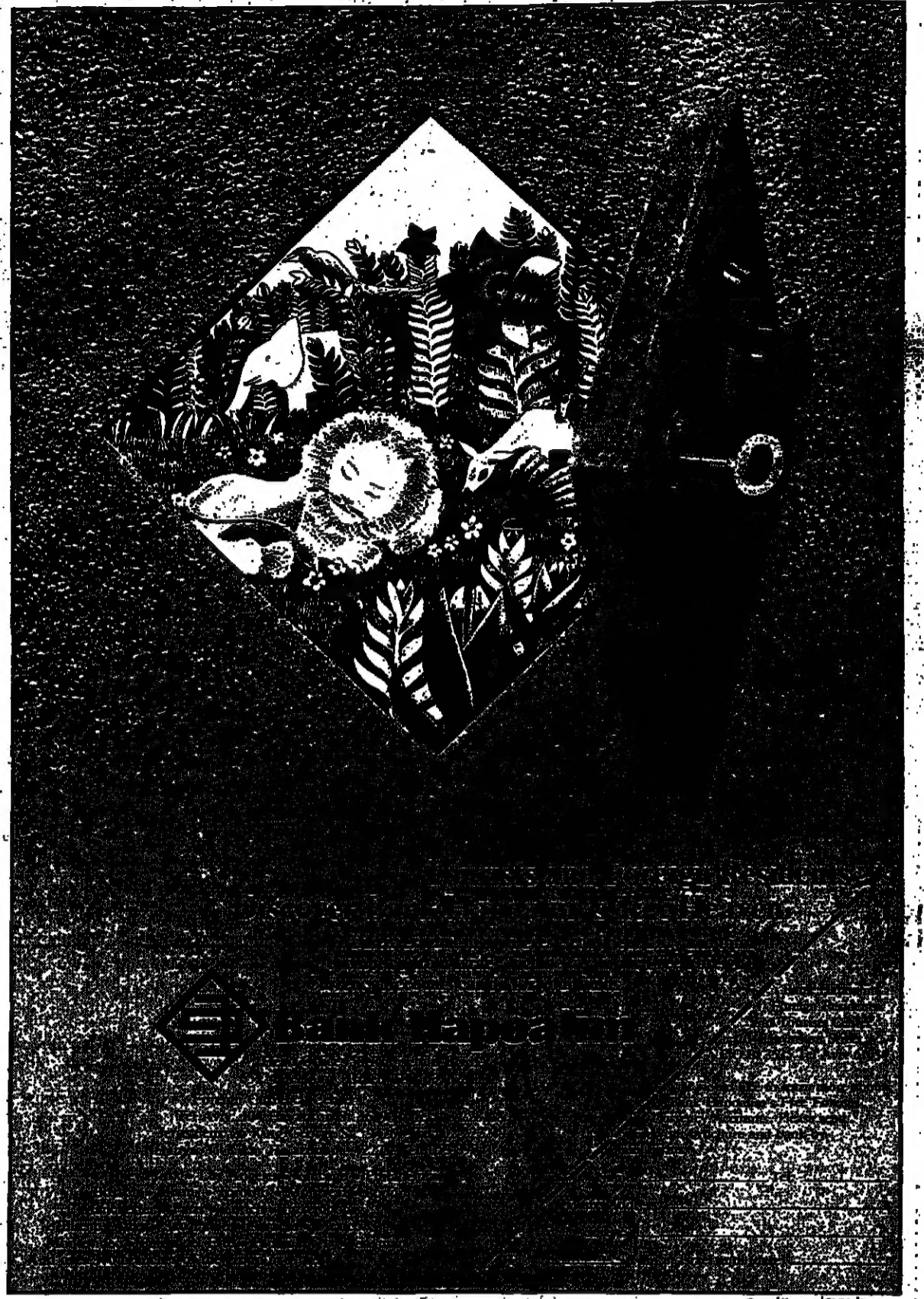
Meanwhile China has agreed to supply Egypt with new military aid.

estimated at \$80m. and to reschedule Egypt's old military debts totalling \$100m., the authoritative Cairo weekly *Al-Masara* reported in its edition scheduled for publication today.

The agreement was reached during Mubarak's four-day visit to China last week, the magazine said.

A cooperation agreement was also signed by Mubarak and North Korean President Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang Tuesday, pledging exchanges in scientific, cultural, and economic affairs, North Korea's official news agency reported yesterday. (Reuters, AP)

FOREVER. — Diamond exports last month were up 11 per cent and totalled \$89 million as compared to \$80.7 million for March 1982, according to the supervisor of diamonds of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.



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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 4 Bridge capital of Britain (6)
- 7 Estimate too highly the speed of the bowling (8)
- 8 One shooting for goal? (6)
- 10 Gambler's garment? (5)
- 13 A pit of my own (4)
- 14 Adjust to melodious effect (4)
- 15 It puts me out, this little creature (4)
- 16 The girl in the red coat (3)
- 17 Try and name the objective (4)
- 19 Turn in ever varying directions (4)
- 21 Vision of gas going great distances? (4-5)
- 23 Think of me going round America (4)
- 24 Talk some arrant nonsense? (4)
- 26 Supporter in a flutter? (3)
- 27 It's broken free in the sea (4)
- 29 Use sound sheep (4)
- 32 Deserving a wiggling? (4)
- 33 Food at the bar? (5)
- 34 Join up in the silent service? (6)
- 35 Simply too much to take (8)
- 36 Fiery sort of fly? (6)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 4 Parson (6)
- 7 Bounty (8)
- 8 Container (6)
- 10 West (5)
- 13 Small U.S. coin (4)
- 14 Considerate (4)
- 15 Fermented grain (4)
- 16 Dairy animal (3)
- 17 M. Eastern country (4)
- 19 Russian forename (4)
- 21 Strew (9)
- 23 Places (4)
- 24 Eternity (4)
- 26 Chart (3)
- 27 Worry (4)
- 29 Before long (4)
- 32 Planet (4)
- 33 Beautiful girl (5)
- 34 Entertain lavishly (6)
- 35 Accomplished (8)
- 36 Says (6)

DOWN

- 1 Courage (5)
- 2 Nerve centre (5)
- 3 Look after (4)
- 4 Carouse (5)
- 5 Expense (4)
- 6 Fairy king (6)
- 9 Whole (6)
- 11 Edge (3)
- 12 Decree (5)
- 13 Gallops easily (7)
- 15 Floor-covering (3)
- 16 Boulder (3)
- 18 Rogue (6)
- 20 Poetry (5)
- 21 Dine (3)
- 22 Preceding day (3)
- 23 Mother or father (6)
- 25 Mountain pass (3)
- 28 Districts (5)
- 30 Oily fruit (5)
- 31 Impoverished (5)
- 32 Sail support (4)
- 33 Square-rigger (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS.—1. Rabbit, 7. Home life, 8. Nazi, 10. Reason, 11. Tinsel, 14. Vee, 16. Carry, 17. Deep, 19. Humana, 21. Talon, 22. M-Otto, 23. P-act, 26. D-on-on, 28. Taa, 29. Arabic, 30. Turp, 31. Once, 32. Teachers, 33. Hat-Ted.

DOWN.—1. Reared, 2. Bi-ase, 3. Tills, 4. Pelican, 5. Fir, 6. Tell-y, 8. N-Ave, 9. Zoo, 12. Nan, 13. Ede-ic, 15. Cuts, 18. Elder, 19. Hat, 20. Moo, 21. To-night, 22. Mob (rev), 23. Parcel, 24. An-NE, 25. Tipped, 26. Darts, 27. MA-dam, 28. Tum (ton), 30. Toss.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS.—1. Higher, 7. Entrails, 8. Area, 10. Vendor, 11. Spread, 14. Tun, 16. Tere, 17. Deep, 19. Loped, 21. Furor, 22. Waged, 23. Hero, 26. Essel, 28. Paa, 29. Stunts, 30. Barred, 31. Iron, 32. Asterisk, 33. Ensign.

DOWN.—1. Halved, 2. Hard-up, 3. Rear, 4. Chapter, 5. Paper, 6. Aside, 8. Ante, 9. Egn, 12. Red, 13. Aster, 15. Pores, 18. Exeat, 19. Lug, 20. Pod, 21. Falsters, 22. Wen, 23. Herons, 24. Earn, 25. Ordain, 26. Essay, 27. Shits, 28. Par, 30. Bike.



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Shares still moving higher

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

TEL AVIV. — As if to prove that Tuesday's explosive rally was not a flash-in-the-pan, investors yesterday forked over their shekels and continued to buy shares. It can not be argued that the day's advance was in any way comparable to that of two days ago, but at least it was comforting to see that a round of profit-taking did not take place.

The General Share Index was up by 1.23%, banking shares excepted. All sectors, with the exception of oil, were ahead. Leading the way were the shares of specialized financial institutions, which were ahead by 2.87%.

The advances recorded yesterday were considerably narrower and showed less volatility than those on Tuesday. There were six "buyers only" situations, compared with four "sellers only." A full 77 securities were up by 3% or better, while 25 fell by similar margins.

Trading turnover eased and totalled just over \$1 billion. The index-linked bond market also maintained its upward momentum. Prices moved ahead by as much as 1.5% per cent on a turnover just over \$120 million.

Apparently the news of the one percent tax levy on foreign currency purchases had leaked out early in the day. The demand for dollars was about twice the norm and the Treasury used the opportunity to devalue the shekel by 30 agorot.

Commercial bank shares continued to trend their way up. Israel Maritime 0.1 was up by 3.4%, while

the 0.5 shares were 4.3% higher. Danot 1.0 was up by 5.1%, while the 5.0 shares slipped in with a gain of 8%. The shares of the First International Bank were 2% improved but FIBI maintained its high-flying ways with a 6.2% jump. The shares of Bank Leumi did not trade as the bank announced its financial results for 1982. These indicated that the bank has strengthened its position as Israel's largest bank. The board of directors has recommended the payment of 100% in bonus shares. (Story on page 6).

Binyan maintained its winning ways in a rising mortgage bank group, as it was up by nearly 7.5%. Among specialized financial institutions Clal Leasing 0.5 was up by 7.9%.

Insurance stocks maintained their upward momentum. Aryeh, which apparently is being stabilized, was up by 3.2%. Ararat 0.1 was a 7.3% gainer, as Yardenia 0.5 picked up a gain of 8.6%. The option was 10.6% higher.

Consortium and Cold Storage 0.1 were 10% gainers among service company shares. Delek (b) was even better as it scored a resounding 12.7% rise. Cold Bonded 0.1, however, fell prey to profit-taking and was down for a 10% loss.

Moderate but broad gains were recorded in the land development and real estate group. Israel Citrus Plantations was up by 6.9%, while Israelcom was 7.4% improved. Mar-Lez came through with a 10% gain, as Neot Aviv was "buyers only."

Industrials were definitely higher,

but here and there one could detect profit-taking in evidence. Atlas, for one, was 7.5% higher, while the option fell by 13.7%. The Gan shares were 1.2% better, but the option was down by no less than 9%. Tadir Cement 1.0, after being "sellers only" for two sessions, fell by 15% in trading without any price limitations. Argaman ord. was a 10% winner. Dubek (b) was 9.4% higher. Cables (r) was up by 10% while the bearer issue was 15% to the good. Hamaslul 1.0 continued to impress and added 5%. The 5.0 shares rose by more than 7%. Teva (b) joined the 10% gainer group, but Zikil 1.0 fell by a similar margin. Profit-taking also overcame Yitzhar 1.0 and it backedtracked by 10%. Maquette 1.0 was down by 10%.

A number of investment company issues came through with solid advances. Paz Investments (r) gained a full 10%. Oz Investments 0.5 also recorded a 10% gain. Piryon maintained its winning posture with a 3.7% rise. Leumi Investments and Mizrahi Investments both gained 7% or better.

The shares of Otzar Hahityashut did not trade as it is the parent company of Bank Leumi.

Teva Pharmaceuticals announced that Ampal is now a major shareholder in Teva by virtue of its 1530 million nominal value share holding.

Electric Wire and Cables shares will trade ex-bonus shares. The registered shares are initially priced at 1.177, while the bearer shares are base-priced at 1.147.

The shares of the North America Bank will also trade ex-bonus shares. The 1.0 shares are base-priced at 1.836 and the 5.0 shares at 1.280.

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Stupid, deadly and ugly

COMPARED to some other troubled cities around the world, Jerusalem today is still a haven of peace and tranquillity. But not if it is measured against its own vaunted aspiration of serving as a model of peaceful coexistence among the mosaic of communities that make it up.

For a while now, ugly violence has been sweeping over Jerusalem and reaching new heights, with Arabs arrayed against Jews and Jews against Arabs, and both Jews and Arabs against their own kith and kin. Nationalist politics, religious fanaticism and just plain rowdiness have combined to underlie some of the deep internal divisions which a benign municipal administration has been working to soften, if not obliterate.

Much of the violence, especially by Arabs, represents a direct spillover from the West Bank. Jerusalem cannot, after all, be isolated from the tides of violence that swirl all around it. But much of the disorder is home grown. Unless it is effectively checked, on home grounds, all the capital Israel built up since 1967 in administering the city as it was never administered before could be lost.

The most recent chronicle speaks for itself. Militant Jews seek to ascend the Temple Mount, illegally, for prayer again, and Old City Arabs respond with rock throwing and tyre burning. Jews dissatisfied with police protection take the law into their own hands, and a youth, using a weapon for which he has no licence, shoots at a crowd of Arabs which he alleges were ready to stone him and his friends — and barely misses. Roaming packs of Arab teenagers physically assault Arab shopkeepers who would not readily close their stores in a common protest. Ultra-Orthodox Jews burn the flat of a secular fellow-Jew who resides on the fringe of their neighbourhood, because he does not fully conform to their lifestyle. Others in Mea Shearim hurl rocks at a car driven by mistake into their street on Saturday afternoon by a Hebrew University scientist, cracking the driver's skull. A group of Old City yeshiva students are suspected of having beaten an old Arab woman into unconsciousness because she would not sell her flat to the yeshiva.

The police have not merely sat idly by in the face of this mounting wave of violence. To be sure, Israel is not Syria, and the security forces are somewhat hamstrung in their efforts to maintain law and order. Even so, however, the police have been keeping out differential treatment to different kinds of lawbreakers.

Arab rioters are handled roughly, with no holds barred, and are often placed in detention, where they are reportedly also beaten up. This has in fact given rise to complaints about police brutality, which is said to breed more Arab violence. When it comes to Jews, however, especially the orthodox Jews, the iron fist gives way to the velvet glove. There are few, if any, arrests and culprits are rarely found. Punitive measures, such as curfews, to which the Arabs have become inured, are never applied in Jewish neighbourhoods.

Equal justice forcefully yet intelligently dispensed in keeping the civic peace is easier urged than practised. Communal strife cannot, in any case, be blunted by legal means alone, and there are some areas in which communal harmony has lately even made some advance. But the effort to keep the peace, and to keep it judiciously, must be made, for Jerusalem's sake.

Mimouna for all

FOR THOSE who are used to seeing Jewish culture in terms of the shtetl, the stories of Sholem Aleichem and gefilte fish, Israel's ethnic scene has always been a bit of an eye-opener. The variety of authentic Jewish experience literally encompasses the globe.

In particular, such folk festivals as the Mimouna, the special holiday of Moroccan Jewry, have provided a window into the richness of tradition borne by each separate ethnic group. The evolution of the Mimouna into a celebration shared with all of Israel has in a large measure marked the evolution of North African immigrants in Israel from an underprivileged group to one which takes a justifiable pride in its history and in its achievements.

But this year, by involving other communities as well, the organizers of the Mimouna celebrations made it indeed a very special occasion. The largeness of spirit that directed those responsible to turn this special North African holiday into a general ethnic celebration, deserves to be commended and emulated.

It would be foolish to deny that there are communal tensions in Israel, but it would be just as foolish to ignore the tremendous strides that have been made in eliminating friction. This year's Mimouna, with its watchword of "Together," was a milestone marking this progress.

No easy answers

By YOSEF GOELL

OVER A FORTNIGHT after it began, there can now be no doubt that the "poisoned girls" caper on the West Bank was a put-up job.

It is not only the fact that absolutely not the slightest hint of poison was found in the meticulous laboratory tests carried out since the first "poisonings" were reported from the girls' school in Arrabe village near Jenin. Suspicious that it was all one big hoax should have been aroused from the first by the fact that only girls were coming down with the "symptoms," and only highschool girls at that.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no such sex-linked poisons and certainly none linked to a very specific age and social category of a given sex.

Such exploitation of teenage highschool girls in the Palestinian struggle against Israel is not new. Highschool girls have been pressed into the forefront of the confrontation ever since the mid-1970s when it was first discovered that Israeli soldiers were more reticent about taking on girls, and that if they would take them on it would make wonderful grist for the international TV cameras that inexplicably have the freedom to roam at will in what is a militarily occupied area.

In the 15 years and more of Israel's confrontation with the cause of Palestinian nationalism led by the PLO, Israel has generally come off best when its own leaders have had recourse to their own powers of ingenuity and the resourcefulness rather than to the mere brute superiority of Israel's military force.

THERE IS a measure of good news in the poisoned girls caper. The fact that PLO tactics in the territories have been concentrating lately on the exclusive exploitation of teenagers as "fighters" and on stones as weapons means that the overwhelming majority of the adult population is still profoundly aware of its own self-interest in not putting itself on the firing line of the Palestinian-Israeli confrontation.

It also means, apparently, that much of the stockpile of explosives and arms that were smuggled into the territories over the years, has been pretty well depleted. Stones can maim and kill, too, but they constitute much less of a problem than explosive charges on buses, in telephone booths and under market stalls.

Palestinian Arab society in the territories is still largely a traditional family-centred, patriarchal one; but it is also a society in transition, similar to others in early stages of modernization.

One need not stoop to the rawness of the chief of staff's mode of expression in regard to hitting the packets of Arab parents to compel them to control their teenage children in order to agree with the basic truth of their analysis.

Much more pressure must be put on adult Palestinians to extend their perception of their own interest in controlling their rock-throwing teenage sons and daughters more effectively. Teenagers old enough and independent enough to defy such parental controls should be subject to direct punishment.

ISRAELI SOLDIERS doing their unpalatable duty in the territories often report that Arab *mukhtar*s and other old-timers, in moments of candour, often mumble about "the good old days" in which King Hussein had such people shot or thrown into dank dungeons.

Israel is clearly not in the same league as the enlightened monarch on the other side of the Jordan River, but there is an urgent need to devise means of punishment to suit the criminals and the situation.

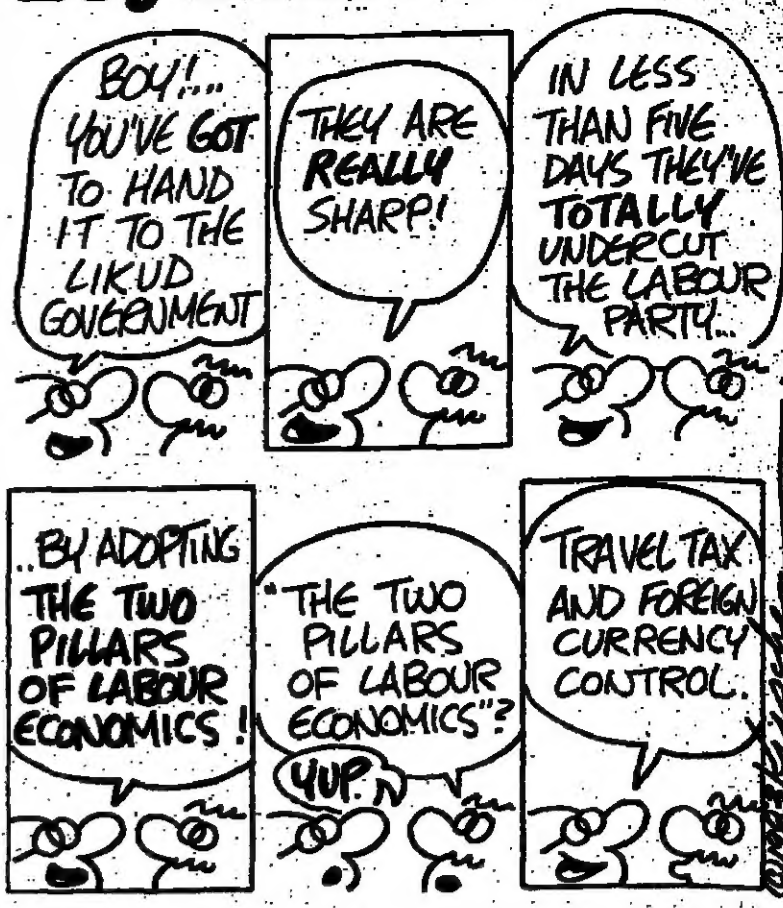
Minister of Defence Moshe Arens recently ordered the incoming chief of staff, Moshe Levy, to set up a committee to study this question and to come up with such recommendations.

The hard news highlighted by the recent events in the territories is that the hold of the PLO on the imagination and loyalties of large numbers of the young and educated Palestinians in the territories has not been undermined by its military defeat in Lebanon.

It was fatuous to expect that it would have such an effect, and such a goal should not have been confused with the reasonable and urgent goal of entering Southern Lebanon to eliminate the threat of PLO artillery and Katyusha rockets against northern Israel.

We are engaged in what would seem to be a generations-long confrontation between Jewish and Arab nationalists. The tragedy of this confrontation is that there could be an accommodation between the two, were it not for the fact that Arab nationalism, and especially its Palestinian sub-version, is

Dry Bones



predicated on the destruction of Israel.

Until this basic fact changes — and there is absolutely no indication as yet that it is changing — there is no chance of accommodation, only of feint and maneuver for tactical advantage in an ongoing war.

The lesson of Israel's frustrating imbroglio in Lebanon, and of the events of the last year in the territories, is that there is no quick fix to such profound national confrontations; neither the spurious quick fix envisioned by the Reagan initiative, which is fast coming to

nought, nor the misguided "Zbeng vegamarna" quick fix of Ariel Sharon's "grand design" in Lebanon.

It has been a long confrontation and all indications would seem to point to its continuing in the future as it has been in the past. We have not acquitted ourselves too badly in the past. We must learn to avoid the temptations that lead to the pitfalls and aberrations that have marked the last years of the Arab-Israeli war.

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Describing the elephant

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

desire to believe the worst about whomever one believes to be one's enemy.

It has come to matter little — though of course, it indeed matters a great deal — whether or not the cases of poisoning reported in the West Bank were or were not actual poisonings.

By now, those who wish to believe that the Israeli government, through some secret methods, has as one Arab worker who cares little for politics told me, "took gases from Sabra and Shatila and put them in the water," will continue to believe so.

And, of course, those on the other side of the fence will believe

— no matter what physical evidence ever appears — that in fact the West Bank "epidemic" is a plot by the highest levels of the PLO to embarrass, discredit and further delegitimize Israel.

BY NOW, it doesn't matter whether an elderly woman in the Old City, now lying in critical condition in a hospital with bruises, gashes and fractures running the length of her torso and up her head, was hit "by some of her own kind throwing rocks," or "knifed by Jews who broke into her home."

Whatever real evidence is produced, people will continue to believe what they want to believe.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, during a spate of violence in the Mea She'arim quarter of Jerusalem, I was told by an otherwise reasonable man that the police had arrested all the rabbis in Jerusalem.

This past week, I was told by an otherwise reasonable man that the government had sent Gush Emunim to break into the Temple Mount.

In the first case, the rumor about the arrests of the rabbis ended with "four policemen" and three citizens in hospital, millions of shekels in damage to public and private property, and hours of hard work on the part of the police trying to restore law and order in the religious quarters.

In the second case, a pitched battle between religious Moslems and Jews was only prevented because the police kept the doors to the Temple Mount closed.

THE PROBLEM facing a reporter is that he is not always on the scene. He cannot always be in place — in the no-man's land between the two sides — in order to present the whole truth.

At best, and it is not easy to admit, we can only hope that we have provided the closest thing to the truth that we can find.

Often, indeed in some areas like the army, the police, and the political diplomacy of this country,

we know that we don't know all that we'd like to know.

We know that much of what is actually happening takes place behind doors that will never open to us; in the dark illuminated only by the supposed wisdom of the authorities. So we feel around the edges of the story, like the blind men touching the elephant.

We get calls from people telling us what they saw. When they are questioned, it turns out that they were not there, but only heard about the event from somebody who was.

We speak to spokesmen who, even if they are honest and fair and open, owe it to their superiors to show the best side possible of the institution for whom they speak. We speak to people with interests, and those interests are legitimate, whether they are from the far right of the Jewish world or the far left of the Arab world.

For as horrible as a mass poisoning would be, it is just as horrible to meet people who have reached a state of uncertainty and anxiety in their lives that they are ready to believe that there was a mass poisoning.

And as horrible as the beating of an old lady — in particular if it was done, as the police now believe, by Jewish religious zealots — just as horrible is that we are no longer horrified by it.

THE SADDEST thing of all is that even if we are able to find the truth, the myths, falsehoods and rumours would still be believed.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

METROPOLITAN SHEPTYTSKY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I want to express my gratitude to everyone who wrote to me in response to my letter in your newspaper of February 13. All the information about the late Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky is very valuable.

I have also received several letters in which people ask me to help them get some information about their next of kin who perished in the city of Lvov during the Nazi occupation.

To my regret, by now I cannot offer any immediate help. The best institution to refer to in this case is Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Our association will soon issue a bulletin which matters of informational interest of this kind will also be included.

YAKOV SUSLENSKY
Association for Jewish-Ukrainian Contacts in Israel
Jerusalem.

This bulletin will appear in Hebrew, English, Ukrainian and Russian and the price of a subscription (four issues) will be \$20 per annum including postage. Those wishing to support the bulletin are invited to increase their subscription to \$25. Cheques should be payable to me and sent to Ramot 3/28, Jerusalem.

PENFRIENDS

SIGRID GREITZKE (118), of Antonius Strasse 15, 5177 Titz/K. Duren, West Germany, is a student who would like to have Israeli penfriends in order to learn more about Judaism.

DAMAGING STATEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I approve the editorial of The Jerusalem Post of March 18, criticizing the Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen for having said that "Israel made a fatal mistake when it did not drive 200,000-300,000 Arabs of Judea and Samaria across the Jordan in the 1967 Six Day War."

I would like to add one remark: on the day Mr. Cohen made that statement, we discussed "Human Rights" at the Jerusalem World Conference on Soviet Jewry. Since

TRAVEL TAX

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Those readers who, like me, are disgusted by the reimposition of a tax on travel abroad, are advised that a protest movement against politicians' misuse of public funds exists. It is "Aizmaut" at 109 Jabotinsky Street, Ramat Gan.

We should always remember that the power to tax is the power to destroy and think carefully into whose hands we place such power.
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TONY BIANCHI, who wasn't even born in World War II, flew a veteran Spitfire plane around a sunny blue sky over Wycombe Air Park, England, recently.

Purring on its Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, the Spit looped the loop, did a victory roll, streaked over the airfield at 15 metres, and then came back and landed smoothly.

Bianchi, 36, an aerobatics specialist who has flown 150 different aircraft, climbed out of the cramped cockpit and said:

"There's nothing quite like this. The way it was designed, very light and high-powered. When you get in

there it feels like part of you." The Mark 9B Spitfire, number MH 434 produced in 1943, shot down three German fighters within 21 days in the hands of its South African pilot, Flight Lt. H. P. Lardner Burke.

Now nearly 40 years old but looking like new, it was demonstrated at Wycombe, (48km) northwest of London, before being sent to auction with 49 other privately owned historic aircraft on April 14.

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